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## AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION DATED AUGUST 7, 2009

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## Commissioner:

Applicants file this Submission in response to the Office Action dated August 7, 2009 ("the Action"), for which the date for response is February 8, 2010 in light of a request for a three-month extension of time and the fact that February 7, 2010 is a Sunday. The appropriate fees are being charged to a credit card through the EFS-Web. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct any underpayment of fees or any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 in connection with the filing of this paper from Fulbright & Jaworski Deposit Account No. 50-1212/LABN:023USC1.

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